

BOOKIES DISGUSTED

New Law Keeps Bettors at Benning on the Move.

ODD-LAYERS HARD TO FIND

Plungers Have Little Trouble Getting Down Wagers, but "Pikers" Must Wait Until They See Red Hair or Green Necktie Before They Can Collect—No Arrests Are Made.

The new scheme of bookmaking necessitated by the activity of the District attorney's office put a crimp in the business at the first day of the annual meeting at the Benning race track yesterday.

Nobody was satisfied. The bookmaker himself was the most discontented of all. He said it wasn't worth while if he had to run into such a cheap way of doing things. The old racegoer and plunger, of whom even Washington has a few, didn't like the new order of things, because he couldn't be just sure where and when he was going to cash in his bets.

The piker didn't like it a bit because he had to put up his little pile on the first thing and then stand his chances with the rest of the field in getting it back in time to take a flyer at the next race. The reformer didn't think very much about it, for while the scheme created great disorder, it by no means stopped gambling. He couldn't see the difference between placing a bet with a bookmaker sitting on a stool and one on the run from corner to corner of the field.

Policemen Liked It.

The only person among the hundreds who attended the opening that had any liking for the new order of things was the policeman. Yes, indeed, he really thought it was great. For while the rest of the sport lovers were handicapped, he was in his element.

He was putting a stop to gambling, don't you know? It is whispered that some of the bluecoated saviors of the peace laid a few bets on the side with the trotting bookies. Maybe they did it just to get evidence. Maybe!

It was a day of chaos and disorder, of wild running and fro, of misunderstanding and confusion. It was a day of right, of course, to go out to the track and lose your week's salary. When it's gone, it's gone. But when you don't know how or why or where it is going, when a strange bookie puts it in his jeans and to all intents and purposes disappears off the face of the globe, then the satisfaction is on the debit side of the ledger.

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